PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 1, 2013 to May 24, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Kerr Environmental Services, on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach, submitted a federal consistency certification (FCC) for a dredging project in Old Donation Creek in the City of Virginia Beach. The city and Old Donation Creek homeowners have developed a Special Service District (SSD) in order to conduct the dredging project. The city is proposing to mechanically dredge navigation channels and homeowner driveway channels in Old Donation Creek, a tributary of the western branch of the Lynnhaven River. The FCC states that the project will affect state-owned bottomland but that all wetlands will be avoided. According to the FCC, the project will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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